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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12/14/2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-41 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-41 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

CLAIMS PRESENTED

Claims 1-41 are presented.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to the rejections in the previous Office Action have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. Upon further consideration, however, a new ground of rejection is made.

Johnson is a discussion of the transient keyword in Java. This "transient" keyword is well-known to be useful in e-commerce to protect sensitive account information (such as that of online shoppers).

Please see the rejections section for further details.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over

Johnson (http://www.javaworld.com/javaworld/jw-04-1998/jw-04-beans_p.html) (written

by Johnson) and Venners (http://www.javaworld.com/javaworld/jw-05-1997/jw-05-hood_p.html, written by Venners).

Regarding claim 1, Venners teaches "A method comprising the steps of: generating a software agent (especially the section Concluding thoughts: Object-orientation and mobile agents, i.e., mobile agents ... aglets are Java objects)."

These passages of Venners do not teach "splitting ... code unit and a data unit ..." in the sense of the claim.

Johnson teaches "splitting the software agent into a code unit and a data unit; forwarding the data unit to the destination host (such as at section 3.8: "At other times, the transient keyword is used to prevent some particular variable from being included in the serialization stream for security reasons. Perhaps a password is kept as cleartext (that is, decrypted, human-readable text) within an object, but it must be encrypted when it's placed in an output stream. In any case, transient and static variables are not included in the output stream" – thereby permitting split of features such as code and data, not all which would be placed in the output stream) for the motivation of security.

Hence, it would have been obvious to those of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the claimed invention to combine Venners and Johnson for the motivation noted in the previous paragraphs so as to teach the claimed invention.

Regarding claim 2 (authentication, etc.), such features are well known in the art for the motivation of security. Regarding claim 3 (non-executable data, etc.), this is discussed in Johnson (serialization). Regarding claims 4-6 (various identification and

encryption features), such features are well known in the art for the motivation of security.

Regarding claim 7, Venners teaches "A method comprising the steps of ... forming a software agent; executing the software agent. (especially the section Concluding thoughts: Object-orientation and mobile agents, i.e., mobile agents ... aglets are Java objects)."

These passages of Venners do not teach "receiving ... combining ... code unit and a data unit ..." in the sense of the claim.

Johnson teaches "receiving ... combining ... code unit and a data unit ... (such as at section 3.8: "At other times, the transient keyword is used to prevent some particular variable from being included in the serialization stream for security reasons. Perhaps a password is kept as cleartext (that is, decrypted, human-readable text) within an object, but it must be encrypted when it's placed in an output stream. In any case, transient and static variables are not included in the output stream" – thereby permitting split of features such as code and data, not all which would be placed in the output stream) for the motivation of security.

Hence, it would have been obvious to those of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the claimed invention to combine Venners and Johnson for the motivation noted in the previous paragraphs so as to teach the claimed invention.

Regarding claims 8-32 (various data handlings, especially in encryption and identification) such features are well known in the art for the motivation of security.

Regarding claim 33, Venners teaches "A system comprising : a software agent. (especially the section Concluding thoughts: Object-orientation and mobile agents, i.e., mobile agents ... aglets are Java objects)."

These passages of Venners do not teach "... split...code unit and a data unit ..." in the sense of the claim.

Johnson teaches "'... split...code unit and a data unit ... (such as at section 3.8: "At other times, the transient keyword is used to prevent some particular variable from being included in the serialization stream for security reasons. Perhaps a password is kept as cleartext (that is, decrypted, human-readable text) within an object, but it must be encrypted when it's placed in an output stream. In any case, transient and static variables are not included in the output stream" – thereby permitting split of features such as code and data, not all which would be placed in the output stream) for the motivation of security.

Hence, it would have been obvious to those of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the claimed invention to combine Venners and Johnson for the motivation noted in the previous paragraphs so as to teach the claimed invention.

Regarding claim 34, 35 (authentication, etc.), such features are well known in the art for the motivation of security. Regarding claim 36 (non-executable data, etc.), this is discussed in Johnson (serialization). Regarding claims 37-41 (various identification and encryption features), such features are well known in the art for the motivation of security.

Conclusion

The art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The art disclosed general background.

Points of Contact

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Patent Examiner

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